



DICELLO LEVITT GUTZLER

# FIGHTING FOR WHAT IS FAIR

Helping Your Business Recover  
COVID-19 Insurance Claims



## **Fair is fair.**

If your organization's insurance provider has denied your claim, you have another option.

## **Fight back.**

Across the nation, businesses rely on insurance as a financial safety net against risk and catastrophe. Now as businesses seek to survive and recover during the COVID-19 pandemic, many insurers are denying payment for the losses incurred largely as a result of the public health restrictions imposed by state or local governments.





You need a team that will work  
**tirelessly and tenaciously**  
on your behalf.

DiCello Levitt Gutzler has dedicated a team of attorneys to help companies and organizations recover operational losses and damages in the wake of COVID-19. With a longstanding reputation for success in complex commercial, class action, and mass litigation, our team has recovered billions of dollars in settlements and judgments in high-profile matters from the insurance industry, under many different types of policies. Currently, the team represents a wide range of businesses and organizations—professional sports teams; educational institutions; real estate companies; and the owners and operators of hotels, restaurants, movie theaters, shopping centers, apartment complexes, and entertainment venues—to substantiate and litigate business interruption claims. Our attorneys understand the denial

and delay strategies that insurers use, which renders them uniquely qualified to prosecute their clients' claims against their insurers.

DiCello Levitt has the necessary resources to serve a full range of client needs, from the largest corporations to small businesses.

Based in Chicago, Cleveland, New York, and St. Louis, with a nationwide and an international practice, DiCello Levitt is known for its trial focus and has forged a reputation for success in complex litigation and arbitration. The firm has secured more than \$2 billion in recoveries for its clients in the past twelve months alone and its partners have, in the aggregate, recovered in excess of \$20 billion for their clients historically.





## The Basics

**Businesses are being stymied** by ambiguous language that seeks to exclude coverage in the event of a virus or pandemic.

You pay premiums to cover your losses and expenses if your business is affected by a catastrophic event such as COVID-19.

Most business insurance policies can cover profits, operating expenses, wages, taxes, loan payments and even the cost of transferring operations to new locations.

Property and casualty insurance companies reportedly retain cash reserves of more than \$800 billion.

Insurance coverage disputes can center on arcane or obscure wording within policies. Often, insurance companies will interpret such wording against their premium-paying customers. Legal actions and regulatory requirements can force insurance companies to honor their policies.

Commercial policies often explicitly provide for coverage related to business interruption or offer special policy coverage, including for business stoppages ordered by civil authorities. However, during the current crisis, many insurance companies are ignoring these provisions while denying coverage — even if there are specific provisions for coverage in the event of contamination.





## Why Hire Us?

DiCello Levitt Gutzler attorneys are among the most renowned in the nation, with decades of courtroom experience in some of the highest-profile matters in U.S. history. The firm is revered by clients and respected by defense counsel for a consistently aggressive, attentive and creative approach in the courtroom and at the negotiating table.

In 2020, firm co-founder Adam Levitt was recognized as a plaintiffs' litigation trailblazer, as well as a pioneer in technology litigation by the National Law Journal. Additionally, the publication cited Amy Keller in its selection of Privacy/Data Breach Practice Group of the Year and honored her as one of the "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs' Bar." Adam Levitt and Mark DiCello have also been honored by their 2018 inclusion in the National Law Journal's list of "Elite Boutique Trailblazers," cited for their track record of remarkable success, delivered with passion, perseverance and commitment to making a significant difference on behalf of victims of injustice.



## The Team

Founders and leaders who are **intimately involved** in this initiative.



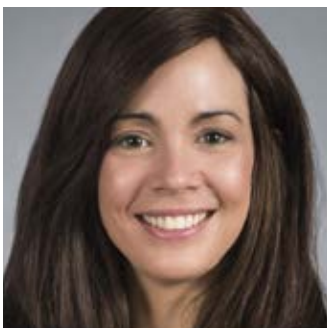
### Adam Levitt

One of the nation's leading advocates for plaintiffs in commercial litigation and class actions, Mr. Levitt served as co-lead counsel and recovered more than \$1.7 billion for plaintiffs in three of the largest biotechnology class actions in history. He has pursued actions on a wide variety of claims and served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in significant litigation arising from a historic automotive emissions scandal, ultimately helping secure a \$16 billion settlement.



### Mark DiCello

Recognized for building a national practice representing individuals and businesses, Mr. DiCello has successfully tried mass tort and product liability actions across the nation. In recent years, he has been appointed co-lead counsel in a number of multidistrict litigation dockets involving defective medical and pharmaceutical products.



### Amy Keller

Ms. Keller has experience successfully litigating a variety of complex litigation cases in leadership positions across the U.S. She focuses her practice on class-action litigation and consumer protection matters in particular. Ms. Keller has litigated a wide range of product liability, data privacy, design defect, employment and food-labeling cases in courts throughout the country.



### Kenneth Abbarno

Mr. Abbarno has a broad understanding of the insurance industry, with more than 25 years' experience litigating extracontractual insurance issues under commercial general liability (CGL), commercial auto, employer's liability, and various types of specialty insurance policies. Mr. Abbarno's practice encompasses a wide range of complex civil litigation matters, including mass torts, products liability, professional liability, and commercial actions.





## Mark Abramowitz

An emerging leader in the integration of technology into the practice of law and eDiscovery, Mr. Abramowitz has established a national profile in consumer class action and mass tort litigation. He has been selected to serve on national discovery review teams and has participated in national mediations, resolving hundreds of cases.



## Daniel Ferri

Mr. Ferri represents clients in a wide array of matters, litigating insurance, contract, product liability, intellectual property, and antitrust disputes in federal and state courts across the United States. Mr. Ferri's practice includes litigating class actions against some of the largest insurers in the country in a number of federal and state courts. Mr. Ferri is also a vital member of the firm's public client practice, where he represents the rights of consumers affected by the marketing and distribution of bad drugs and other defective consumer products.



## Mark Hamill

An attorney and CPA, Mr. Hamill brings to the firm his unique and invaluable experience as an eDiscovery project manager for Fortune 500 companies and major accounting firm clients in large-scale, high-intensity projects. He currently concentrates his law practice on commercial, antitrust, securities and consumer cases, often taking a lead role with expert witnesses in finance, accounting, and economics topics. He also serves as eDiscovery counsel in many of his cases, leveraging his depth of experience in this area.



## Laura Reasons

Ms. Reasons leads the firm's labor and employment law group. She focuses her practice on wage and hour class and collective actions across the country arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act and state laws. Laura has more than a decade's worth of experience as a labor and employment lawyer, having litigated the spectrum of employment law claims, including in class, collective, and systemic litigation, and previously counseled clients on wage and hour compliance, discrimination claims, and day-to-day employment issues.

# To Learn More

We are committed to supporting businesses during these difficult times and encourage you to contact us. There is no obligation and we will promptly explain your rights, examine your policy and offer appropriate options for you to consider.

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